



Jack Anderson Vietnam Heroin And Lt. Gen. Dzu

WE REPORTED last September that one of South Vietnam's top commanders, Lt. Gen. Ngo Dzu, was implicated in drug smuggling. Under his protection, we charged, heroin was peddled to American GIs.

Top Vietnamese and American officials denounced our story and defended Dzu. His old friend, President Thieu, put him through a quick whitewash and rewarded him with a third star. Dzu's top American adviser, the late, brave John Paul Vann, also praised Dzu.

Vann claimed there was "no information available to me that in any shape, manner or fashion would substantiate the charges." No less than Gen. Creighton Abrams, the American commander, told Vann that he, too, had "no evidence available."

We responded by quoting from memos right out of the Army's Criminal Investigating Division, telling of Dzu's heroin dealing.

Now we have obtained another classified memo on the subject from Abram's own files. A "Confidential Memorandum for Record," dated June 10, 1971, and signed by Public Safety Director Michael McCann, describes Dzu's illicit operations.

As we reported earlier, Dzu keeps his fingers on the drug trade through his father. "A confidential source," states the memo, "has advised this Directorate that the father of Gen. Dzu . . . is trafficking in heroin with Mr. Chanh, an ethnic Chinese from Cholon."

Chanh is known to Cholon's polyglot dope traders more colorfully as "Red Nose." He regularly flies from Saigon via Air Vietnam to Quinhon, the home of Dzu's father. "When the regular airline is booked up, he sometimes makes the trip in Gen. Dzu's private aircraft," states the memo.

The accommodating general has his own police meet the Cholon narcotics magnate at Quinhon airport. Then, says the memo, "Mr. Chanh . . . is allegedly escorted by Gen. Dzu's father where he turns over kilogram quantities of heroin for U.S. currency."

On Chanh's return to Saigon, the thoughtful Gen. Dzu also has an escort waiting at Tansinh airport to take the narcotics dealer back to

nearby Cholon in style.

This official protection, of course, hasn't gone unnoticed by the Vietnamese National Police. Therefore, notes the memo, the National Police "are afraid to either report or investigate these alleged violations fearing that they will only be made a scapegoat should they act."

Gen. Abrams, who protected Dzu from a dope scandal, has now been named Army chief of staff. As for Dzu, he was finally fired for incompetency after the North Vietnamese invaders made a shambles of his defenses.

Footnote: Other classified documents in the files of Gen. Abrams' Saigon office flatly dispute the State Department's narcotics czar Nelson Gross who has stated that "no high government officials in . . . South Vietnam" are involved in the drug traffic. The documents mention a judge, provost marshal, naval officers and other high-level government figures.

No Food Aid

THE NIXON administration has gone to extraordinary lengths to rescue Lockheed, Boeing, the Pennsylvania Railroad and other giant corporations from bankruptcy. The same administration, however, tried to withhold emergency food funds from a few pitiful employees in Washington state who have been thrown out of work.

Washington's unemployment rate ran as high as 12 per cent in 1971. Some 60,000 people were thrown into the streets when business ran low at the huge Boeing plant in Seattle.

So far, the state has been rescued from starvation by a group of church officials, called "Neighbors in Need," who set up 32 free food banks across the state. The problem now is that they're running short of food.

For a year, Sen. Warren Magnuson (D-Wash.) has been trying to get the federal government to help through its "Emergency Food and Medical Services Program." The trouble is, the Nixon administration wants to phase out the program.

Magnuson has finally twisted enough arms to get the emergency food program reactivated.

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